

## Testimony

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To: Senate Utilities Committee  
Senator Jay Emler, Chair

From: Allie Devine

Re: SB 325

*The Kansas Livestock Association (KLA), formed in 1894, is a trade association representing over 6,000 members on legislative and regulatory issues. KLA members are involved in many aspects of the livestock industry, including seed stock, cow-calf and stocker production, cattle feeding, grazing land management and diversified farming operations.*

Good morning, my name is Allie Devine and I am here today to offer KLA's support for SB 325.

Utilities law is a specialty area, and one with which I have very little experience. Today, we join with the technical comments offered by the Kansas Corn Growers Association, Ed Peterson.

Our members are gas customers. They use natural gas for irrigation engines and as an energy source for operating feed mills in feed yards. Our members must have reliable consistent service. In the past, our members have reported difficulties with understanding and weaving through the regulatory and industrial system when changes are proposed like those outlined by the previous proponents.

We support the bill as a means for our members to address some of the problems they have experienced and avoid similar situations in the future. Thank you for your support of SB 325.